

## NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2007 AT 1:30PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

#### PRESENT:

#### MEMBERS:

- Professor Sir Desmond Rea (Chairman)
- Mr Barry Gilligan (Vice Chairman)
- Mr Alex Attwood
- Mr Joe Byrne
- Mr Brendan Duddy
- (1) Ms Arlene Foster
- Mr Willie Hay
- Mrs Dolores Kelly
- Mr Danny Kennedy
- Ms Deirdre Mac Bride
- Mrs Pauline McCabe
- Mrs Rosaleen Moore
- Ms Dawn Purvis
- Mr Brian Rea
- (2) Mr Trevor Ringland
- (2) Mr Suneil Sharma
- Mr Peter Weir

#### OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- (3) Mr Trevor Reaney (Chief Executive)
- (3) Dr Debbie Donnelly (Deputy Chief Executive)
- (3) Mr David Jackson (Director of Community  
Engagement)
- Mr Sam Hagen (Director of Corporate  
Services)
- (3) Mr David Wilson (Director of Planning)
- (3) Mrs Sinead Simpson (Director of Policy)
- (3) 4 Board Officials

- (1) Item number 3.1 to close
- (2) Item number 1 to part of item number 7.5
- (3) Item numbers 1 to 4.8.3 and item number 5 to close

#### 1. APOLOGIES, ETC

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Paisley Jnr. NOTED.

The Chairman reminded Members that subject to the restoration of devolution on 26 March 2007, this would be the final meeting of the current Board.

## **2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE POLICING BOARD**

### **Minutes Of The Policing Board Meeting Held On 7 February 2007**

It was:-

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the draft minutes of the Policing Board meeting held on 7 February 2007 be approved.

### **2.2 Minutes Of The Policing Board Meeting Held On 7 February 2007**

It was:-

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the draft minutes of the Board meeting in public held on 7 February 2007 be approved.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **3.1 New Police College (Item 3.1.2 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Chairman referred Members to a letter dated 19 February 2007 which had been received from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and copied to all Board Members. The letter was in relation to funding for the new Police College. NOTED.

The Chief Executive reminded the Board, that the Secretary of State had announced at the International Policing Conference on 20 February 2007, that the project at the Desertcreat Site would proceed as a shared facility with the Fire and Rescue Service and the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

The Chief Executive advised that it was proposed to establish new governance arrangements for the shared facility. He sought the Board's approval to the Board being represented on the strategic tier with the PSNI leading on the project board/operational tiers.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board approve the new governance arrangements with the Board being represented on the strategic tier.

Following discussion it was:-

**AGREED:**

That clarity should be sought around the governance role of various Departments and Agencies in relation to the shared facilities at the Desertcreat site, particularly in relation to the Board's ownership of the site.

**3.2 Special Board Meeting Held On 24 January 2007 (Item 3.2 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Chief Executive drew Members' attention to revised draft minutes of the Board meeting held on 24 January 2007 which included some of the minor amendments which had been suggested by the Police Ombudsman.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That the revised draft minutes of the Board meeting in public held on 24 January 2007 be approved.

**3.3 Merger of ARA/SOCA (Item 6.2.1 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Chief Executive updated Members on the merger of the Assets Recovery Agency (ARA) with the Serious and Organised Crime Agency (SOCA). He advised that Mr Alan McQuillan had been appointed to the post of Interim Director of ARA until the merger with SOCA. NOTED.

Following discussion, it was:-

**AGREED:**

That the Head of SOCA should be invited to meet with the new Board.

**3.4 PSNI Policy On Retention Of DNA (Item 6.4 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Director of Policy advised the Board that the PSNI had been asked to comment with reference to Police, Public Order and Crime Justice (Scotland) Act 2006, Section 83. When a response was received, the matter would be referred to the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee for further consideration. NOTED.

**3.5 Questions For The Chief Constable (Item 13 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Board considered a letter dated 15 March 2007 from the Chief Constable which provided responses to questions raised by Members at the previous Board meeting. NOTED.

The Board considered the following issues arising from the Police Ombudsman's report on the investigation into the murder of Raymond McCord Jnr (Operation Ballast):-

(i) **Historical Enquiries Team (HET)**

The Chairman drew Members attention to a letter dated 20 February 2007 from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland regarding a review of how the Historical Enquiries Team (HET) was progressing in financial and general terms. NOTED.

Following discussion, it was:-

**AGREED:**

- that further information should be obtained from the NIO on how the review would be taken forward, including what was meant by “general terms”;
- consideration should be given regarding how the Board should increase its scrutiny of HET.

(ii) **Letter From Police Federation**

The Chairman drew Members’ attention to a letter dated 13 March 2007, tabled at the meeting, from the Secretary of the Police Federation to the Police Ombudsman regarding the Ombudsman’s report on the investigation into the murder of Raymond McCord Jnr (Ballast Report). The letter stated that the Police Federation would cease to issue invitations to the Ombudsman and also cease to attend any working party or forum which was specifically led by or on behalf of the Ombudsman. NOTED.

(iii) **Report Of Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association**

The Chief Executive advised the Board that the NI Retired Police Officers’ Association had published a rebuttal of the Ballast report which had been released by the Police Ombudsman on the investigation into the murder of Raymond McCord Jnr.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That a copy of the NI Retired Police Officers Association's rebuttal should be circulated to Board Members.

**3.6 Appointment of Chief Constable (2002) (Item 14.2 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Chairman informed the Board that he, the Vice Chairman and Chief Executive had met with the leader of the Social Democratic Labour Party (SDLP), Mr Mark Durkan on 11 February 2007. The meeting concerned the SDLP advertisement placed in the Irish News on 26 January 2007. The Chairman referred Members to a paper tabled at the meeting which contained a note of the meeting, a copy of the transcript of the Inside Politics Interview which had been given by the leader of the SDLP on 11 February 2007 and a copy of a draft press statement.

The Chairman advised Members that a letter had been received from an applicant for the post of Chief Constable in 2002 seeking information in relation to the meeting with the SDLP leader.

Members considered the draft press release in respect of the meeting. Following discussion, it was:-

**AGREED:**

- that the information contained in the draft press release should be held as a line against enquiry;
- the Board should write to the SDLP leader seeking a statement as the accuracy of the note of the meeting held on 11 February 2007.
- That legal advice be taken on the reply to the applicant for the post of Chief Constable in 2002.

## **4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Engagements**

The Chairman highlighted and commented on the following engagements which he had undertaken on behalf of the Board:-

- Independent Custody Visiting Scheme Induction Training – Templepatrick – 17 February 2007;
- Reception following Rugby Match between West Yorkshire Police and PSNI Belfast to compete for the Colin Cramphorn Memorial Trophy – Belfast 22 February 2007;
- Presentation of Police Property Fund cheque to Child Victims of Crime – Belfast – 27 February 2007;
- PSNI / NIPB Diversity Workshop – Cultra – 1 March 2007;
- Board Delegation – Washington and New York – 14 – 17 March 2007.

NOTED.

The Chairman referred Members to a report which had been tabled at the meeting regarding the Board's visit to Washington and New York from 13 to 17 March 2007 for the St Patrick's Day events. Members who had attended the visit provided further details to the Board on meetings which they had attended in Washington. NOTED.

### **4.2 Publications**

The Chairman advised Members that the following publications had been placed in the library:-

- Police – Magazine of the Police Federation of England – February 2007;
- Police Professional Magazine – 8 March 2007;

- Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission Corporate Plan 2006 – 2009.

NOTED.

### **4.3 Correspondence**

There were no matters arising.

### **4.4 News Releases**

The Chairman highlighted the following news releases:-

- ARA Auctions Alleged Drug Dealers Property – Assets Recovery Agency  
5 March 2007;
- Policing Board Chairman meets police to discuss traffic disruption –  
5 March 2007;
- Policing Board welcomes IFI Funding – 5 March 2007;
- Budget Statement provides excellent platform for incoming Executive –  
Hain – NIO – 21 March 2007.

NOTED.

### **4.5 Reports On Meetings**

#### **4.5.1 Meeting With The Secretary Of State And Minister**

The Chairman advised the Board about a meeting which had taken place on 5 March 2007 with the Secretary of State and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. The Minister had been informed that the Board's consultation on the future structures for District Policing Partnerships (DPPs) and Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) had been completed. The Minister had indicated that he would be meeting the NIO Justice Minister to discuss the issue and had requested feedback on the Board's consultation process in advance of that meeting.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That the Board provide the Minister with a high level analysis of findings from the Consultation on the future of DPPs.

#### **4.5.2 Meeting With The Chief Surveillance Inspector**

The Chairman advised the Board about a meeting which had taken place on 8 March 2007 with the Chief Surveillance Inspector in Northern Ireland. As is the agreed practice, the Chairman and Vice Chairman attending the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed meeting with the Chief Surveillance Commissioner.

Following discussion, it was:-

**AGREED:**

- that the Chief Constable should be asked to give the Board Chairman and Vice Chairman access to reports of the Office of the Surveillance Commissioner;
- that a letter should be sent to the Prime Minister regarding the growing trend towards increased accountability arrangements of covert policing matters.

#### **4.5.3 Meeting With Independent Monitoring Commission**

The Chairman advised the Board about a meeting which had taken place on 12 March 2007 with members of the Independent Monitoring Commission. NOTED.

#### **4.5.4 Meeting With Lord Carlile**

The Chairman advised the Board about a meeting which had taken place on 28 February 2007 with Lord Carlile, regarding his new role in reviewing the operation of arrangements for handling national security related matters in Northern Ireland, after

the transfer of lead responsibility for national security intelligence. Lord Carlile had agreed to meet the Board to discuss his role and ongoing work. Arrangements for this meeting would be made after the reconstitution of the Board. NOTED.

#### **4.6 HMIC Review Of Blakey/Crompton/Stevens**

The Chairman updated Members regarding a 6 monthly review which had been undertaken by Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMIC) on the implementation of the combined recommendations arising from the Blakey/Crompton/Stevens reports. Following reconstitution of the Board, a further presentation on issues regarding the implementation of the recommendations would be made by the PSNI and HMIC in the public session of the Board meeting. NOTED.

#### **4.7 Dealing With The Past**

Mr Ringland outlined his views to the Board on how he considered that the issue of Dealing with the Past should be taken forward.

Following discussion, Members:-

##### **AGREED:**

That leadership for Dealing with the Past was a matter for consideration by the new Northern Ireland Assembly with the Board having an appropriate contribution to make.

#### **4.8 Chief Constable's Performance And Development Review And Contract Issues**

##### **4.8.1 Expenses, Travel etc**

The Board considered a confidential matter. A confidential minute of this item is attached at Appendix 'A'.

#### **4.8.2 Chief Constable's Performance And Development Review**

The Board considered a confidential matter. A confidential minute of this item is attached at Appendix 'A'.

#### **4.8.3 Fixed Term Contract**

The Board considered a confidential matter. A confidential minute of this item is attached at Appendix 'A'.

#### **4.9 Chief Executive's Performance And Development Review**

The Board considered a confidential matter. A confidential minute of this item is attached at Appendix 'A'.

### **5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Reconstitution Of The Policing Board – Administrative Arrangements**

The Board considered a paper, tabled at the meeting, which provided an overview of arrangements for the reconstitution of the Policing Board, subject to the restoration of devolution on 26 March 2007. NOTED.

The Chief Executive outlined details regarding administrative arrangements necessary to facilitate reconstitution. NOTED.

It was:-

#### **AGREED:**

That the Board should be provided with details of meetings if devolution was not restored on 26 March 2007.

## **5.2 Complaint Against The Policing Board**

The Chief Executive advised Members about a complaint which had been made to the PSNI against the Board. NOTED.

## **5.3 Conduct Of Senior Officer Regulations 2000**

The Chief Executive updated Members on progress in handling a complaint which had been received against Senior Police Officers NOTED.

## **5.4 Reports From Police Ombudsman**

The Chief Executive advised the Board that the following reports had been received from the Office of the Police Ombudsman:-

- Discharge of a firearm at Howard Street, Belfast on 24 December 2002;
- Discharge of a firearm at Kilrea on 12 July 2004;
- Discharge of CS Incapacitant Spray at the Custody Suite, Coleraine on 28 October 2004;
- Discharge of CS Incapacitant Spray at Strand Road, Londonderry on 11 September 2004.

The Board noted that the reports would be passed to the Community and Human Rights Committee for consideration at its next meeting. NOTED.

The Chief Executive also advised Members that the Chairman had received a letter from the Police Ombudsman dated 8 March 2007 regarding the death of Mr Samuel Devenny on 16 July 1969, following referral from the PSNI. NOTED.

## **5.5 Recognition Of The Office Of The Oversight Commissioner**

The Chief Executive advised the Board that a Dinner in honour of the Oversight Commissioner would be held in the Culloden Hotel, Holywood on 29 March 2007 at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. All Members would be invited to attend. NOTED.

## **5.6 PERF Annual Meeting – Chicago – 26 – 28 April 2007**

The Chief Executive informed the Board that an invitation had been received for the Chairman and Members to participate in the PERF Annual Meeting in Chicago from 26 – 28 April 2007.

Following discussion, it was:-

### **AGREED:**

In principle that representatives from the Board (including if appropriate one of the Human Rights Advisors) and a Member of a District Policing Partnership should participate in the PERF Annual Meeting. The names of the representatives should be considered after the reconstitution of the Board.

## **6. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **6.1 Minutes Of The Meeting Of The Corporate Policy, Planning And Performance Committee Held On 15 February 2007**

#### **6.1.1 Police Ombudsman Report On The Investigation Into The Murder Of Raymond McCord Jnr (Item 4.10 Of Minutes Refers)**

A Member referred to the special Board meeting held on 24 January 2007 to consider the Police Ombudsman's Report and sought an opportunity to discuss recommendation 34.19 of the report, which related to HMIC conducting a Thematic Inspection of the new PSNI processes for informant handling, controlling and management of covert human intelligence sources.

Following discussion, it was:-

**AGREED:**

That the Board should send a letter to HMIC regarding the work which the Board was undertaking in this area to ask that opportunities for joined up working and collaboration are explored.

**6.1.2 World Police And Fire Games 2013 (Item 6.6 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Chairman advised the Board that the PSNI, together with the Fire and Rescue Service, Prison Service, DCAL, Belfast City Council and Northern Ireland Events Company had been successful in their bid to host the World Police and Fire Games in 2013.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That the Board should send a letter of congratulations to the Chief Constable regarding the successful bid to host the Games in 2013.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

To adopt the draft minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee held on 15 February 2007.

**6.2 Minutes Of The Meeting Of The Community And Human Rights Committee Held On 8 February 2007**

**6.2.1 Honorarium To A Local Government Chief Executive For Work Carried Out In Setting Up The DPP (Item 12 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Board considered a confidential matter. A confidential minute of this item is attached at Appendix 'A'.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

To adopt the draft minutes of the meeting of the Community and Human Rights Committee held on 8 February 2007.

**6.3 Minutes Of The Meeting Of The Human Resources Committee Held On 14 February 2007**

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

To adopt the draft minutes of the meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on 14 February 2007.

**6.4 Minutes Of The Meeting Of The Human Resources (Quorum) Committee Meeting Held On 14 February 2007**

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

To adopt the draft minutes of the meeting of the Human Resources (Quorum) Committee held on 14 February 2007.

**6.5 Minutes Of The Meeting Of The Resources And Improvement Committee Held on 16 February 2007**

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

To adopt the draft minutes of the meeting of the Resources and Improvement Committee held on 16 February 2007.

## **7. URGENT BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Community And Human Rights Committee Matters**

The Board considered a paper which highlighted the following matters relating to the Committee.

#### **7.1.1 International Fund For Ireland – Funding For Joint District Policing Partnership (DPP) And Community Training**

The Board noted that the International Fund for Ireland (IFI) had approved a bid for £268,000 which had been submitted by the Board for funding to support a joint development programme for the DPPs, the police and the community in order to develop a joint approach to identify and resolve difficult issues and prevent crime.

It was:-

#### **RESOLVED:**

To approve the procurement process to appoint skilled facilitators to design, develop and deliver a programme on behalf of the Board.

#### **7.1.2 Consultation On Future Arrangements For District Policing Partnerships (DPPs)**

The Board noted the emerging findings arising from the consultation exercise on future arrangements for DPPs in the context of the Review of Public Administration. NOTED.

#### **7.1.3 District Policing Partnership (DPP) Member's Attendance – Ballymena DPP**

The Board noted details of the attendance record of a political member of Ballymena DPP. NOTED.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That no action should be taken at present but the DPP member's attendance should be reviewed in 6 months time.

**7.1.4 TASER – Advice From The Board's Human Rights Advisers**

The Director of Policy advised Members that advice was awaited from the Board's Human Rights Advisers regarding the introduction of TASER. NOTED.

**7.1.5 PSNI Code Of Ethics**

The Board considered an amended version of the PSNI Code of Ethics which would be issued for consultation on 26 March 2007.

The Board:

**AGREED:**

The content of the amended version of the PSNI Code of Ethics and noted that it would now be issued for a 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation period,

**7.1.6 Consultation On PSNI Notifiable Memberships Policy**

The Board considered a consultation paper regarding a review which was being carried out by PSNI in relation to the list of organisations which was issued in guidance to police officers in relation to notifiable memberships.

Following discussion, it was:-

## **AGREED:**

That PSNI should be advised that consideration of the list of notifiable Organisations was not an issue the Board could decide upon and that ultimately it was a matter for Government to set out in legislation.

## **7.2 Resources And Improvement Committee Matters**

The Board considered a paper which highlighted the following matters relating to the Committee.

### **7.2.1 PSNI Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 – Final Submission**

The Board noted details of the final submission relating to the funding of the PSNI over the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 period which had been approved by the Resources and Improvement Committee under delegated authority. NOTED.

### **7.2.2 SPED Requests**

The Board noted that a paper in relation to requests under the SPED Scheme would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee. NOTED.

The Chairman suggested that the issue of individuals having to move home as a result of the Ballast report should be raised at the next meeting between the Board and the Police Ombudsman.

## **7.3 Audit And Risk Management Committee Matters**

### **7.3.1 NIPB Internal Audit Periodic Work Plan 2007/2008**

The Board considered a paper regarding the NIPB Internal Audit Periodic Work Plan 2007/2008.

It was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board's Internal Audit Periodic Work Plan for 2007/2008 be approved.

#### **7.4 Human Resources Committee Matters**

The Board considered a paper which highlighted the following matters relating to the Committee.

##### **7.4.1 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)**

The Director of Policy updated the Board on developments regarding the appointment of Police Community Support Officers. NOTED.

##### **7.4.2 HMIC Human Resources Report**

The Board noted that the draft HMIC report on PSNI Human Resources would be considered by the Human Resources Committee.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

- That the views of the PSNI should be sought on the recommendations in the report in order that the PSNI's comments and the HMIC report could be considered together by the Human Resources Committee;
- That all Board Members should be invited to join the Human Resources Committee for consideration of the report.

##### **7.4.3 Special Responsibility Payments**

The Board noted that a paper regarding Special Responsibility Payments would be brought to a future Human Resources Committee meeting. NOTED.

## **7.5 Corporate Policy, Planning And Performance Committee Matters**

The Board considered a paper which highlighted the following matters relating to the Committee.

### **7.5.1 Updated Performance Monitoring Statistics**

The Board considered a paper, tabled at the meeting, which provided year to date performance information against the 2006 – 2007 Policing Plan targets.

It was:-

#### **AGREED:**

- that the PSNI should be asked to provide clearance rates on crime for each District Command Unit;
- that the Board should send a letter to PSNI regarding disparities in crimes against children in DCUs.

### **7.5.2 HMIC Baseline Assessment – PSNI And Policing Board**

The Board considered a paper which gave an overview of the key issues contained in the PSNI HMIC Baseline Assessment Report 2006, together with the PSNI's response to these issues.

Following discussion, it was:-

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Board's response to the HMIC report and the content of the press release should be approved.

In response to a Member's query in relation to PSNI training, the Chairman asked the Member to submit a question in writing and the matter could then be raised with the PSNI Head of Training.

### **7.5.3 19<sup>th</sup> Oversight Commissioner's Report**

The Board considered a paper, tabled at the meeting regarding a suggested composite response from the Board to the final report of the Office of the Oversight Commissioner.

It was:-

#### **AGREED:**

That the composite response should be issued from the Board

Members discussed the future/forward looking issues in relation to the Independent Commission Report and made a number of suggestions.

### **7.5.4 International Policing Conference**

The Board noted details of feedback which had been received from delegates who had attended the International Policing Conference from 20 – 22 February 2007. NOTED.

The Board noted that the net costs of the conference were £245,000 and that it was anticipated that the conference report would be ready for publication at the end of June 2007. NOTED.

The Board thanked officials for their work in relation to organising the conference.

### **7.5.5 Chief Officers' Allowances**

The Director of Corporate Services advised the Board about information that had been obtained through the Police Negotiating Board regarding allowances payable to Chief Officers.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That the Independent Adviser who authored a previous report on the matter in 2004 be asked to consider the allowances payable to Chief Officers and the methodology for the review and report to the Board.

## **7.6 Other Matters**

### **7.6.1 LINKS Project**

The Chairman reminded Members that the Board had agreed in May 2006, to consider the secondment of an official to the PSNI LINKS Project Team and that it was subsequently agreed that the consultant working with the Press Office could be seconded for 2 days per week up to a maximum of 24 days. Discussions were ongoing regarding the requirement for the temporary member of the Board's staff to continue to be seconded to the Team. Following a recent meeting with the Minister, it was considered that there was a need to establish a Tripartite Group to drive forward the LINKS Project.

Following discussion it was:-

**AGREED:**

- that a Member and official should represent the Board on the Tripartite Working Group;
- that the nomination of the Member to represent the Board on the Tripartite Working Group should await the reconstitution of the Board;
- that an official should represent the Board on the sub-groups which would be established to consider the different work streams, including industrial relations terms and conditions;

- that the PSNI should be asked to comment on the co-ordination of the PSNI LINKS and CORE projects at the briefing scheduled for the April Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee.

## **7.6.2 PSNI Policy On Political Activity By Police Officers**

The Director of Policy outlined details of the Board's Human Rights Advisers advice concerning the content of the draft PSNI Policy On Political Activity By Police Officers. NOTED.

It was:-

### **AGREED:**

That PSNI should be asked to consider issuing a revised General Order to take Account of the points raised by the Human Rights Advisors.

## **8. INFORMATION PAPERS**

### **8.1 Notes Of A Meeting On Audit And Risk Management Issues Held On 28 February 2007**

The Board noted details of a record of a meeting which had been held on 28 February 2007 regarding Audit and Risk Management issues. NOTED.

## **9. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

There were no matters to raise with the Chief Constable.

## **10. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

It was:-

### **AGREED:**

To issue news releases in respect of the following items of business:-

- the extension of the Chief Constable's contract;
- report on the International Policing Conference;
- the Board's response to HMIC Baseline Report on PSNI.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **11.1 Youth Engagement Conference**

A Member referred to an issue which had been raised recently at a Youth Engagement Conference by the Children's Commissioner regarding the use of juvenile informers.

It was:-

### **AGREED:**

That the issue should be raised with PSNI.

### **11.2 Thanks**

The Chairman thanked Members and officials for the work they had carried out on behalf of the Board during the past year.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be arranged following announcements in relation to the devolvement of powers to the Assembly.

(Meeting closed 5:00pm).

**Secretariat**

**March 2007**

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**Chairman**